

# CHECKLIST OF TALLGRASS PRAIRIE BIRDS FOR THE KANSAS ECO-MEET

The taxonomic sequence and nomenclature used in this list follow the *Checklist of North American Birds*, 7<sup>th</sup> edition, American Ornithologists Union, 1998, updated through the 48<sup>th</sup> Supplement, 2007, (*Auk* 124(3):1109-1115).

The list includes all species normally expected to occur in the tallgrass prairie habitats of Kansas.  
124 species

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## ORDER ANSERIFORMES

### **Family ANATIDAE**

Canada Goose - *Branta canadensis*

Mallard - *Anas platyrhynchos*

## ORDER GALLIFORMES

### **Family PHASIANIDAE**

Ring-necked Pheasant - *Phasianus colchicus*

Greater Prairie-Chicken - *Tympanuchus cupido*

Wild Turkey - *Meleagris gallopavo*

### **Family ODONTOPHORIDAE**

Northern Bobwhite - *Colinus virginianus*

## ORDER CICONIIFORMES

### **Family ARDEIDAE**

Great Blue Heron - *Ardea herodias*

Cattle Egret - *Bubulcus ibis*

Green Heron - *Butorides virescens*

## ORDER FALCONIFORMES

### **Family CATHARTIDAE**

Turkey Vulture - *Cathartes aura*

### **Family ACCIPITRIDAE**

Bald Eagle - *Haliaeetus leucocephalus*

Northern Harrier - *Circus cyaneus*

Sharp-shinned Hawk - *Accipiter striatus*

Cooper's Hawk - *Accipiter cooperii*

Swainson's Hawk - *Buteo swainsoni*

Red-tailed Hawk - *Buteo jamaicensis*

Rough-legged Hawk - *Buteo lagopus*

Golden Eagle - *Aquila chrysaetos*

### **Family FALCONIDAE**

American Kestrel - *Falco sparverius*

Merlin - *Falco columbarius*

Peregrine Falcon - *Falco peregrinus*

Prairie Falcon - *Falco mexicanus*

## ORDER GRUIFORMES

### **Family GRUIDAE**

Sandhill Crane - *Grus Canadensis*

## ORDER CHARADRIIFORMES

### **Family CHARADRIIDAE**

American Golden-Plover - *Pluvialis dominica*

Killdeer - *Charadrius vociferus*

### **Family SCOLOPACIDAE**

Greater Yellowlegs - *Tringa melanoleuca*

Lesser Yellowlegs - *Tringa flavipes*

Upland Sandpiper - *Bartramia longicauda*

Buff-breasted Sandpiper - *Tryngites subruficollis*

American Woodcock - *Scolopax minor*

### **Family LARIDAE**

Franklin's Gull - *Larus pipixcan*

Ring-billed Gull - *Larus delawarensis*

Black Tern - *Chlidonias niger*

## ORDER COLUMBIFORMES

### **Family COLUMBIDAE**

Mourning Dove - *Zenaidura macroura*

## ORDER CUCULIFORMES

### **Family CUCULIDAE**

Yellow-billed Cuckoo - *Coccyzus americanus*

Black-billed Cuckoo - *Coccyzus erythrophthalmus*

## ORDER STRIGIFORMES

### **Family TYTONIDAE**

Barn Owl - *Tyto alba*

### **Family STRIGIDAE**

Eastern Screech-Owl - *Megascops asio*

Great Horned Owl - *Bubo virginianus*

Short-eared Owl - *Asio flammeus*

## ORDER CAPRIMULGIFORMES

### **Family CAPRIMULGIDAE**

Common Nighthawk - *Chordeiles minor*

Common Poorwill - *Phalaenoptilus nuttallii*

## ORDER APODIFORMES

### **Family APODIDAE**

Chimney Swift - *Chaetura pelagica*

## **ORDER PICIFORMES**

### **Family PICIDAE**

Red-headed Woodpecker - *Melanerpes erythrocephalus*  
Red-bellied Woodpecker - *Melanerpes carolinus*  
Downy Woodpecker - *Picoides pubescens*  
Hairy Woodpecker - *Picoides villosus*  
Northern Flicker - *Colaptes auratus*

## **ORDER PASSERIFORMES**

### **Family TYRANNIDAE**

Eastern Phoebe - *Sayornis phoebe*  
Western Kingbird - *Tyrannus verticalis*  
Eastern Kingbird - *Tyrannus tyrannus*  
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher - *Tyrannus forficatus*

### **Family LANIIDAE**

Loggerhead Shrike - *Lanius ludovicianus*

### **Family VIREONIDAE**

Bell's Vireo - *Vireo bellii*  
Warbling Vireo - *Vireo gilvus*

### **Family CORVIDAE**

Blue Jay - *Cyanocitta cristata*  
American Crow - *Corvus brachyrhynchos*

### **Family ALAUDIDAE**

Horned Lark - *Eremophila alpestris*

### **Family HIRUNDINIDAE**

Northern Rough-winged Swallow - *Stelgidopteryx serripennis*  
Bank Swallow - *Riparia riparia*  
Cliff Swallow - *Petrochelidon pyrrhonota*  
Barn Swallow - *Hirundo rustica*

### **Family PARIDAE**

Black-capped Chickadee - *Poecile atricapillus*  
Tufted Titmouse - *Baeolophus bicolor*

### **Family SITTIDAE**

White-breasted Nuthatch - *Sitta carolinensis*

### **Family TROGLODYTIDAE**

Bewick's Wren - *Thryomanes bewickii*  
House Wren - *Troglodytes aedon*  
Sedge Wren - *Cistothorus platensis*  
Marsh Wren - *Cistothorus palustris*

### **Family SYLVIIDAE**

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher - *Poliophtila caerulea*

### **Family TURDIDAE**

Eastern Bluebird - *Sialia sialis*  
American Robin - *Turdus migratorius*

### **Family MIMIDAE**

Gray Catbird - *Dumetella carolinensis*  
Northern Mockingbird - *Mimus polyglottos*  
Brown Thrasher - *Toxostoma rufum*

### **Family STURNIDAE**

European Starling - *Sturnus vulgaris*

### **Family MOTACILLIDAE**

American Pipit - *Anthus rubescens*  
Sprague's Pipit - *Anthus spragueii*

### **Family PARULIDAE**

Tennessee Warbler - *Vermivora peregrina*  
Orange-crowned Warbler - *Vermivora celata*  
Nashville Warbler - *Vermivora ruficapilla*  
Northern Parula - *Parula americana*  
Yellow Warbler - *Dendroica petechia*  
Yellow-rumped Warbler - *Dendroica coronata*  
Ovenbird - *Seiurus aurocapilla*  
Louisiana Waterthrush - *Seiurus motacilla*  
Common Yellowthroat - *Geothlypis trichas*  
Yellow-breasted Chat - *Icteria virens*

### **Family EMBERIZIDAE**

Spotted Towhee - *Pipilo maculatus*  
Eastern Towhee - *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*  
American Tree Sparrow - *Spizella arborea*  
Chipping Sparrow - *Spizella passerina*  
Clay-colored Sparrow - *Spizella pallida*  
Field Sparrow - *Spizella pusilla*  
Vesper Sparrow - *Poocetes gramineus*  
Lark Sparrow - *Chondestes grammacus*  
Savannah Sparrow - *Passerculus sandwichensis*  
Grasshopper Sparrow - *Ammodramus savannarum*  
Baird's Sparrow - *Ammodramus bairdii*  
Henslow's Sparrow - *Ammodramus henslowii*  
Le Conte's Sparrow - *Ammodramus leconteii*  
Song Sparrow - *Melospiza melodia*  
Lincoln's Sparrow - *Melospiza lincolni*  
Harris's Sparrow - *Zonotrichia querula*  
White-crowned Sparrow - *Zonotrichia leucophrys*  
Dark-eyed Junco - *Junco hyemalis*  
Lapland Longspur - *Calcarius lapponicus*  
Smith's Longspur - *Calcarius pictus*

### **Family CARDINALIDAE**

Northern Cardinal - *Cardinalis cardinalis*  
Blue Grosbeak - *Passerina caerulea*  
Indigo Bunting - *Passerina cyanea*  
Painted Bunting - *Passerina ciris*  
Dickcissel - *Spiza americana*

### **Family ICTERIDAE**

Bobolink - *Dolichonyx oryzivorus*  
Red-winged Blackbird - *Agelaius phoeniceus*  
Eastern Meadowlark - *Sturnella magna*  
Western Meadowlark - *Sturnella neglecta*  
Rusty Blackbird - *Euphagus carolinus*  
Common Grackle - *Quiscalus quiscula*  
Brown-headed Cowbird - *Molothrus ater*  
Baltimore Oriole - *Icterus galbula*

### **Family FRINGILLIDAE**

House Finch - *Carpodacus mexicanus*  
American Goldfinch - *Carduelis tristis*

### **Family PASSERIDAE**

House Sparrow - *Passer domesticus*

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